
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2021

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For-Profit Tuition Grant Program

Eligibility

Iowa Tuition Grants (ITGs) are awarded to Iowa residents enrolled at eligible private colleges and universities in Iowa. Priority is given to applicants demonstrating the greatest need, as reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Grants are available for up to eight semesters of full-time undergraduate study or the equivalent. Part-time students may receive grants for up to 16 semesters of undergraduate study or the equivalent.

Barber and cosmetology students attending eligible institutions may receive tuition grants for not more than four semesters or the equivalent of two full years of study. Statute provides for barber and cosmetology students who resume study after at least a two-year absence to again be eligible for grants for up to two full years of study. However, such students cannot receive funding for courses for which credit was previously received.

The amount of the grant is based on the student's financial need remaining after other sources of financial aid are considered. The maximum grant is \$6,000 per year.

For-Profit Colleges and Universities

Effective for FY 2019, students attending Waldorf College are eligible to receive For-Profit Tuition Grants.

Waldorf was originally a nonprofit institution that qualified under the nonprofit Iowa Tuition Grant. When Waldorf was purchased and converted to a for-profit entity, the General Assembly provided in statute for ongoing ITG eligibility for Waldorf students.

Beginning in FY 2018, following the repeal of the Barber and Cosmetology Arts and Sciences Tuition Grant Program, students attending barber and cosmetology schools may participate in the For-Profit Tuition Grant Program. Statute requires the schools to provide a matching grant of institutional financial aid. The matching requirement is 75.0% in FY 2018, 85.0% in FY 2019, and 100.0% in FY 2020 and subsequent years.

In previous years, students attending Kaplan University, formerly Hamilton College, were eligible for the For-Profit Tuition Grant. However, Purdue University, a public institution based in Indiana, purchased Kaplan University late in FY 2018, making Kaplan students ineligible for State-funded financial aid programs.

More Information

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Funding

The For-Profit Tuition Grant is funded by a standing appropriation set in statute. However, in practice, the General Assembly frequently does not meet the appropriation or amends the statute to provide increased or decreased funding in any given year.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section [261.9\(2A\)](#)
2017 Iowa Acts chapter [172](#), section 17
Iowa Administrative Code [283—12](#)

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